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[10]9. (amended) A method of making a stabilized lyophilized gonadotropin composition [lyophilisate] comprising:
admixing, in aqueous solution, at least one gonadotropin with an amount of dicarboxylic acid salt to adjust the ionic strength of said solution to between 0.050 and 0.350,
dissolving a non-reducing sugar in said admixture in an amount of about three to fifty times the amount, by weight, of the dicarboxylic acid salt, and
freeze-drying said admixture at a temperature greater than -35° centigrade [to form said stabilized gonadotropin lyophilisate].

Please add new claim 10 as follows:

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-- 10. The composition of claim 1, comprising more than one type of gonadotropin stabilized by the dicarboxylic acid salt stabilizer.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 5 and 7 - 10 are amended and, after renumbering, new claim 10 added in order to better recite the invention for examination.

It is believed that claims 1 - 9 recite a patentable improvement in the art. Favorable action is solicited. In the event any fees are required with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2334, for which purpose duplicate copies are enclosed.

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